

Remarks/Arguments:

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, are respectfully requested.

Claims 6-8, 10-13, and 15-45 are pending; Claims 36-39 are withdrawn from consideration; Claim 11 is amended; Claim 14 is canceled; and Claims 40-45 are newly added herewith. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 36-39 were withdrawn from consideration; Claims 11, 18, 20, 24, 25, 28, 29, and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Sadler (U.S. Pat. No. 1,113,054); Claims 19, 23, 31, 32, and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Sadler; Claims 11, 12, 13, 27, 34, and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Walters et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,505,720, hereafter Walters); and Claims 6-8 and 10 were allowed; and Claims 14-17, 21, 22, and 26 were indicated as allowable.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 6-8 and 10 are allowed. Applicants further acknowledge with appreciation the indication that Claims 14-17, 21, 22, and 26 contain allowable subject matter. The subject matter of Claim 14 has been incorporated into Claim 11. Newly added Claims 40-45 reflect the allowable subject matter of Claims 15-17, 21, 22, and 26. It is therefore respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by these claims, and that Claims 40-45 are in condition for allowance.

With regard to the outstanding rejections, these have been rendered moot by the incorporation of allowable Claim 14 into Claim 11. It is therefore respectfully requested that these rejections be withdrawn.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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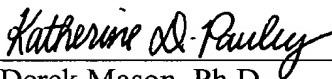
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